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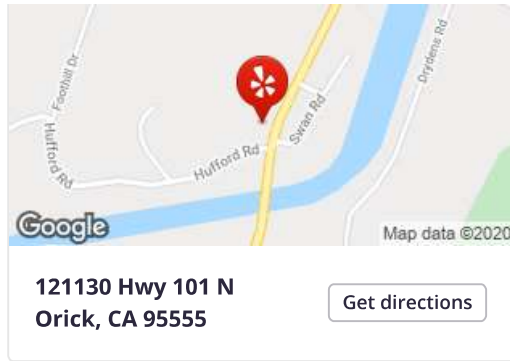
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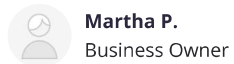
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Martha P.
Business Owner

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Kirsten A.

Yucaipa, CA

0 friends

29 reviews

27 photos

★★★★★ 3/15/2019

1 photo

This was a fun place to stop after camping at Prairie Creek. Is it outdated ? Yes. But that adds to the kind of charm they have going there.

Classic breakfast was awesome, they had homemade jams which were great.

Server and locals were nice, and we had some great convos about local things to go do.

Server told us about local history and showed us the restaurant's rock collection. Nice guy, good personal service and good food.

You can see the cook cooking your food, and it's a very cozy diner.



Useful

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Ed M.

Jupiter, FL

29 friends

518 reviews

2598 photos

Elite '2020

6/2/2019

8 photos 1 check-in

After seeing the giant red wood trees we stopped in Orick for some lunch. Little hole in the wall kinda place. (My favorite) we were met by our server, Erin, and sat where ever we wanted. That's funny because there were only a few tables and about twelve counter seats. Love it! We both had the patty melt and a salad. We got to fix our pin salad from the mini salad bar that was set up. I was happy because they had black olives and artichoke hearts. The salad was fresh and cool and our sandwiches were hot and done just right. The grilled onions and the meat patty were great. I would classify the ambiance as a Dive/Diner. Kind of out of date and kind of worn out but I loved it. The cook, John, yelled out from the cook top "is everything all right"? I told him, it sure was. Please make it a point to stop in here as you are traveling 101. I'm not sure how much longer it's going to be open!

[See all photos from Ed M. for Palm Cafe & Motel](#)


 Useful


 Funny


 Cool

Dirk W.

Ridgefield, WA

 **385** friends

 **52** reviews

 **18** photos



5/14/2019

So we rented a cabin down the road so options are slim in this area. Came in for dinner and loved the relaxed diner atmosphere and no BS kinda vibe. I ordered the pork chops and was sad that when it arrived with it came some very sad limp French fries but the star of the show was the pork chops! Perfectly cooked and seasoned and would certainly order again.

We came in for breakfast the next day and had a modified breakfast sandwich that was delicious! Oh! The homemade jam is yummy in the tummy!


 Useful

 Funny

 Cool

Andrew V.

Moorpark, CA

 1 friend 5 reviews     4/10/2019

After entering the palm cafe, I'm not sure whether I'm going to be given a menu or a second grade math quiz. The chairs are straight out of an elementary classroom. Whatever, they're just chairs. Our waitress takes our order in a timely manner. My girlfriend orders a club sandwich and asks the waitress what's on it (it doesn't say on the menu what is on the Sammy). She might've been a new employee? She has no idea what came on the sandwich... our order is complete. She proceeds to the kitchen and calls for the "chef" to make our food. He replies as if she had waken him up from an afternoon nap in the break room. We finally get our food and let me just say that the ketchup was pretty good.

Wouldn't recommend

You should've stopped in Trinidad.

 Useful Funny 1 Cool**A O.**

Gillette, WY

 0 friends 48 reviews 35 photos     6/4/2018 1 photo  1 check-in

Didn't have any soup made though it's lunch time and on the menu. Took forever to get someone to come take our order and even longer to get the food. Been 30 minutes since we walked in and still haven't gotten food.

They have a old old town feel and smell to the building. Not bad but it really dates the place. Not having any other food choices for 30 minutes in either direction and not being from around here we stopped because we had to.

This being said - burgers and fries are good. Came out hot and fresh. Don't care for their service but it was good hometown food.

 Useful 1 Funny Cool 1**Neal E.**

Haymarket, VA

 1264 friends 4904 reviews 35113 photos

Elite '2020

 8/19/2017 5 photos  1 check-in

Stopped in here for lunch one day as I was passing through Orick. Sat at the counter - looked over the menu, and opted for a bowl of Chili!

It took quite a while to get my good - it was about 20 minutes or so before my food came up.

It was a heaping bowl of chili (with both ground beef and beans). It tasted like it had a hint of sweetness and perhaps a smidge of cinnamon. It was not spicy in any way - I would have liked some heat! Overall, a good bowl of Chili - and filling.

The Chili was served with packages of what I think were oyster crackers - I did not open them.

Paid at the register with a credit card.

This place looks like it's been around forever. The Men's Restroom was in really rough shape - as in disgusting. The restrooms - at a bare minimum need to be totally gutted and replaced!




#PalmCafeandMotel

[See all photos from Neal E. for Palm Cafe & Motel](#)

 Useful

 Funny

 Cool 2

Wes T.
Eureka, CA
 193 friends
 1399 reviews
 45 photos

 8/14/2018
 1 check-in

As far as a quick stop to and from the Redwood forest, it's a great local spot to pop into. I came by on my way out from the Tall Trees Grove, and the place was pretty empty on a Monday afternoon mid-summer. Nice old counter with the individual swivel seats and well-worn foot grooves.

I liked my bacon cheeseburger, it came with big ol' fat steak fries. Followed that with home made fresh huckleberry pie, a la mode. I'm not typically a pie kind of guy, but you throw on fresh local huckleberries in the Pacific Northwest during summer and I'm all over that no problem.

Service was real friendly and kind. Everything was clean, and parking was easy right off the road.

 Useful 1

 Funny

 Cool 1

Scott E.

Eureka, CA

 1 friend 23 reviews 1 photo

     6/4/2019

Was Closed with 52 health violations. Not sure if reopen
Had problems in past with food quality
Now I see why

 Useful

 Funny

 Cool

Christa S.

Houston, TX

 155 friends 245 reviews 206 photos

Elite '2020

     9/4/2018

 1 check-in

I loved the Palm Cafe! We walked in before the crowds and sat at the counter. They have the old school cafeteria chairs at the tables surrounding the counter, so it was a fun feel. Jerry gave us lots of tips about things to do in the area. We all got root beer floats, which were amazing, and hamburgers. I highly recommend grabbing a burger and float on your way out to hike.

 Useful

 Funny

 Cool

Eric M.

Hollister, CA

 1 friend 2 reviews

     6/8/2019

Really strange, we stopped to eat here. The waitress seemed stressed and told us we'd have to wait half an hour for our food. Not a big deal as there were no other options and we were not in a hurry. We ordered and then about half an hour later someone else came out and told everyone in the restaurant they had to go unless they already had their food. No good and we left. No explanation...

 Useful Funny Cool**Les S.**

Paradise, CA

 0 friends 10 reviews 7/16/2018

Bear in mind I'm not writing anything about the motel, having no knowledge of it, but the cafe rocks.

I judge an eatery, as I guess we all do, on quality of the food, cleanliness of the facility, speed at which the order is served, friendliness of the staff, etc.

Okay, the place is not a luxury resort, granted (kind of rough around the edges), but the staff is friendly, at least with our experience. The place was semi-busy, still we were waited on within a reasonable amount of time. The server was friendly and accommodating. I and my friend ordered a hamburger served with french fries, and it's my understanding that they make their own ground beef patties on the premises. The taste and texture reflected the fact. My wife asked the server if she could order a smaller burger (not listed on the menu), and he complied willingly. The prices---about right for the quality of the food and the generous portions.

All around, a great experience. Good old-fashioned home town cooked food to please the palate.

Bravo to the waiter and the cook. I applaud you.

 Useful Funny Cool 1**Hannah Renee D.**

Portland, OR

 0 friends 9 reviews 1 photo 4/4/2018

The motel is run down and outdated. Didn't have much heat, and the place smelled old, and musty, and the towels smelled like vinegar. Cheap place to stay if you only want to sleep and take a shower. The cafe was really good food for a good price, but the waiting was awful.

 Useful 1 Funny Cool**Joe V.** 7/3/2019

Southwest Portland,
Portland, OR
👤 146 friends
★ 1 review

Keep driving. This is quite possibly the worst place that I have ever laid my head at night (and I have spent plenty of time in not so nice places). When we arrived, we were made to wait 20 minutes only to be told that the card reader did not work. When I asked about the cafe, I was told that it was "under repair" and that it would be that way for the foreseeable future. Therefore, don't get your hopes up for flapjacks. The room itself had a red carpet that was riddled with more bodily fluids that a Quentin Tarantino movie. We were awoken at 8 am to someone trying to undo the lock to our room. We also got to use the shower for less than one minute before the water went out. I was charged \$90 to stay here, but I wouldn't take \$900 to spend another night here.

👁 Useful 1

😄 Funny

😎 Cool

Jone V.

Portland, OR
👤 187 friends
★ 316 reviews
📷 939 photos
Elite '2020

★★★★★ 2/1/2015

📷 4 photos 🕒 1 check-in

There is only powdered creamer for your coffee. That should be a good indication to expect good ole Americana food.

Palm Cafe is a plain, old-fashioned diner with an ample breakfast choice, kind of divey due to the passage of time. They have the plain Columbian coffee, watery like from the time before Starbucks. The servings are definitely large enough.

We enjoyed real eggs (it was no longer an omelette by the time she brought it to our table), flavoured well, nice fluffy home-made pancakes, home-made raspberry jam and apple butter, and home-made biscuits with gravy. Everything was seasoned perfectly for us, no need to add salt.

At night we returned due to the pie reputation we had read. Personally I was disappointed, my son liked it. We both had chocolate pie which tasted more like a stiffer version of chocolate pudding with a stiffer version of Cool Whip on top: not real whipped cream. Too large a portion for me.

[See all photos from Jone V. for Palm Cafe & Motel](#)

 Useful 1

 Funny

 Cool

Stephanie V.

Cambridge, MA

 2 friends

 10 reviews

 11 photos

 4/3/2018

 1 photo

Had been traveling from Yosemite to Sacramento to Gold Bluffs Beach Campground and was STARVING.. 6 hours will do that to you. I looked for anywhere to eat on Yelp and there really aren't any options in this area. Let me say my boyfriend and I were definitely hesitant to eat here but the reviews on Yelp were great and again.. we were starving. And I am SO GLAD we went here. The food was amazing and exactly what we wanted. We love breakfast all day diners so we both ordered the Denver Omelet. The Omelets were great, lots of fresh veggies and ham and cheese. The service was incredibly fast and friendly. Couldn't of

been happier with choosing to eat here. We even had food left over to eat at the campsite the following the morning!

 Useful

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Fai F.

Novi, MI

 47 friends 237 reviews 50 photos

Elite '2020

 9/6/2014 1 photo  1 check-in

We stopped by specifically because awkward Yelp reviews. I think there this interesting cultural push-pull between casual passerby from Redwood traffic, locals and diehards for local business. I fall in category 1 and 3.

This place is awesome for being what it is, even if they have to deal with yuppies who didn't plan to skip it for being a local "divey" diner (I mean this in the most respectable way). You want 5 star dining? Pack a damn picnic and cooler, you pretentious urbanites! lol. Trinidad and Arcata are 30 - 60 minutes away.

That said, we stopped by for a slice of lemon meringue after a day trip. The service was crap, and got the San Francisco rate on a slice (maybe I am used to Michigan prices), but it was sweet and delicious. Keep making those pies!

 Useful 1 Funny 2 Cool 1**Suzanne H.**

Anderson, CA


 0 friends 6 reviews 2/24/2019

Terrible service. As we are waiting to order we hear the staff discussing how'out dated the fruit cocktail is.'


I ordered a grilled sourdough turkey sandwich w cheese (it's 11:30am) and they bring me an open face hot turkey w gravy... um okay. We were the only 2 there... maybe write down your orders..? The food was not very good, either. I'd rather eat a gas station sandwich

 Useful Funny Cool**Ted C.**

Palm Springs, CA

 3 friends 40 reviews 31 photos 7/10/2018 4 check-ins

I travel Hwy 101 six or seven times a year between Crescent City from San Francisco. I have eaten breakfast at the Palm Cafe twice. Both times, the food and service were excellent. Fresh hot coffee, classic breakfast plates with generous portions, and homemade jams made to order by the cook and served by a friendly, hardworking waitress.

 Useful Funny Cool**Lindsey G.**

Edwardsville, IL


 32 friends 140 reviews 159 photos 8/17/2017 1 check-in

I can't speak to the state of the motel - this review is only about the cafe.


We were visiting the parks, and were looking for the closest spot to grab a quick lunch. There were only two choices: Palm Cafe and a Mexican restaurant.... the latter of which was closed. Considering we had no choice of establishment, we were pleasantly surprised by our meal.

The cafe is a bit of a dive, with fluorescent lights and seating that look like oversized versions of those plastic kindergarten chairs. The place was noticeably understaffed for the lunch rush, and our server was frazzled, forgetful, and inattentive. I've definitely been to worse, and the food was worth it. We both had BLTs and we both thoroughly enjoyed them. Nice, thick bacon, fresh tomato and onion, choice of bread, and well proportioned (to me, that's important in a sandwich). The soup of the day was "egg drop," which tasted more like egg and peas in chicken broth. It was a little too salty, but otherwise pretty good.

If I'm goin to be stuck with only one dive diner, I'm glad it was this one!

 Useful 1 Funny Cool**Debra C.**

Junction City, CA

 0 friends 2 reviews 12/9/2018

Yummy breakfast special of French Toast with pears and sausage topping. Perfect combo of sweet and savory. Chicken fried steak was delicious.

Miss Markeys Christmas display of Angels and 30 years of Christmas displays is amazing and beautiful.

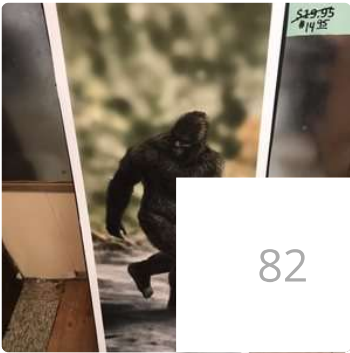
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Should have got pie to go.

 Useful Funny Cool

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**Northern California -
Redwood Country!**
By Neal E.

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